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FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORMS

WITH ENHANCED COHESIVE AND COMPRESSIBILITY PROPERTIES

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER RULE 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action of January 27, 2004, reconsideration and reexamination of this application are requested in view of the following comments.

The invention herein is directed to methods for preparing pharmaceutical dosage forms containing a solid pharmaceutically acceptable volatilizable agent and a pharmaceutically active ingredient. The dosage forms are formed by compression and provide enhanced cohesive and compressibility properties.

Claims 33-37 have been rejected as being anticipated by Hanes et al. (U.S. 5,855,913), Straub et al. (U.S. 5,853,698) and Straub et al. (U.S. 6,395,300). The Examiner's rejections are based on the statements made at pages 2-3 of the Office Action, i.e. Hanes et al. ('913) teach porous particulate for drug delivery, Straub et al. '698 teach porous pharmaceutical